

The Honorable Sinclair Weeks  
The Secretary of Commerce  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Weeks:

In the Director's absence, I am answering your letter of 12 December 1955 inviting this Agency to participate in the reorganized ACEP structure as an observer for national security export control problems. I am gratified that you have found CIA assistance of service in support of your responsibilities under the Export Control Act of 1949.

In response to your invitation to designate representatives and alternates on the Advisory Committee on Export Policy and on the Operating Committee, I wish to advise you that the CIA representatives will be as follows:

Advisory Committee on Export Policy  
Dr. Otto S. Gatten, Representative

Alternate

Operating Committee

Representative

Alternate

Sincerely,

C. P. Cabell  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Acting Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

General Cabell -

This is only a "paper"  
reorganization as far as we  
are concerned; so we are  
nominating the same people  
who have all along represented  
us on these Trade Control Bodies

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THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
WASHINGTON 25

The Honorable  
Allen W. Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Under the Export Control Act of 1949 as extended, the Department of Commerce is responsible for the regulation of U. S. exports for reasons of short supply, foreign policy and national security. The Act requires the Department, in making essential policy determinations, to seek information and advice from other departments and agencies of the Government which have a primary concern in U. S. exports.

The Department's Advisory Committee on Export Policy (ACEP) structure has provided an effective and satisfactory method of compliance with this legislative requirement. I am grateful to you and your official representatives for helping to make this possible.

I am now approving a reorganization of the ACEP structure and a revision of its terms of reference in accordance with recent advice of ACEP members. As explained in the enclosed memorandum, the structure will continue substantially as heretofore, except for the elimination of the Joint Operating Committee. However, the responsibility of the ACEP structure will be related exclusively to U. S. export control policy problems, particularly in the two major areas of short supply and national security. It is expected that this action will reduce some of the administrative burdens on member agencies and the Department of Commerce, without impairing the effectiveness of the interdepartmental advisory system.

The value of the reorganized ACEP structure will depend in large measure on maintaining representation at the highest practicable level so that the Department of Commerce will be provided with authoritative information and policy advice. Accordingly, it is my hope that, as a general rule, members of ACEP will be at the Assistant Secretary level, with their first alternates as members of the Operating Committee.

I invite your Agency's participation on the reorganized ACEP structure as an observer for national security export control problems. For this purpose, I should appreciate your designating your representatives and alternates on the Advisory Committee on Export Policy and on the Operating Committee.

Sincerely yours,

  
Secretary of Commerce.

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